

MONDAY'S HOLD-UP AT WESTERLY

Jeweler Jacob Beringer Unable to Attend to Business Yesterday—Seven Congressmen Trying to Agree on Appointees For Five Places in Internal Revenue Service—Assessors' Books Show Grand List \$9,779,900.

Several in Westery had announced their willingness to accept appointments in the internal revenue service under the income tax law in the district which comprises Rhode Island and Connecticut. The appointments are within the gift of Congressmen Mahan, Reilly, Kennedy, Lomenzo and Donovan of Connecticut and O'Shaughnessy and Gerry of Rhode Island. These offices do not come within the civil service jurisdiction and the appointment carries with it confirmation and without examination. The democratic congressmen from the two states have not yet agreed upon the appointments.

There are only five appointments for the seven congressmen. If there were seven places there would be plain sailing, but how to fill seven places with five holes is a trifling puzzle. The schedule calls for the appointment of one office deputy collector or clerk at a salary of \$1,000 a year, two office deputies or clerks at \$1,200 each, and two field deputies or clerks at \$1,600 each, plus \$1,200 traveling allowances each.

The two fellows who held up and attempted to rob Jacob Beringer Monday night were no doubt possessed of the fact that the jeweler had gems of value on his person. Mr. Beringer, with his son Cyril, was within a short distance of their home in Narragansett avenue when he heard someone walking behind him. As he turned he saw two men. The taller of the two stepped in front of Mr. Beringer and placed the muzzle of a revolver against his stomach and at the same time the other fellow closed in from behind. The son Cyril started to run, but, realizing the danger to his father, rushed to the rescue. He grabbed one of the fellows, doimed him and had him by the throat. In the meantime the elder Beringer was tussling with his assailant. He had been struck in the head twice with the butt end of a revolver and knocked down. Then Cyril Beringer permitted the fellow he had under control to escape while he went to assist his father. Cyril was struck in the nose with the revolver, causing quite an abrasion. Mr. Beringer and his son chased the two fellows, shouting as they ran, but the highwaymen made their escape. The shorter of the two assailants, the one tackled by Cyril Beringer, is said to be a resident of Stonington. Cyril Beringer, formerly employed in Stonington and he declares he has seen the fellow there and could readily identify him.

Mr. Beringer received two severe cuts in the head that required two stitches to close and was so badly injured that he was unable to attend to business Tuesday. He said the fellow who pressed the revolver against him demanded "Give us whatever you have!" Mr. Beringer had very little money with him and told the fellow so but he requested the demand, striking Mr. Beringer in the head. Then there was a general scuffle, but it was all over in less than five minutes.

The pupils of the Westery schools are gradually coming back as prize winners in the School Arts guild contests. In the latest awards for color theory guild badges were awarded Victoria De Placid, Arthur De Rocco and Mary Hamilton of Westery and to Joseph Morris, Mary Serra and Kathleen Watkins of Bradford. Honorable mention was given Edna Barrus, Steve Bernadelli, Henry Dog, Samuel Pyro, Gardner Hill, Michael McCarthy, Helen Nye, Irene Oppy and Filomena Sciallano of Westery and to Frank Laibador and Emma Starr of Bradford. A fourth prize was awarded to Cyril Beringer of Westery and honorable mention to Willard Rogers, also of New London.

At a session of the Westery probate court Tuesday afternoon, Judge Edward M. Burke presiding, Miss Dorothy Morgan, daughter of the late Dr. J. Howard Morgan, of Westery petitioned in conjunction with her sisters, Miss Helen M. Richards and Miss Sarah A. M. Hicks, for the appointment of a guardian of her person and estate as she, Miss Dorothy Morgan, is incompetent to manage the estate. Mrs. Richards was nominated as guardian and was called to order at 3:30 p. m. The appraisers are Charles A. Morgan, Charles P. Cottrell and George B. Pendleton. The widow and children of Daniel Mulnati petitioned the court stating that Daniel Mulnati died in Westery, Nov. 6, 1913, intestate, leaving property to be administered. The court appointed the widow, Madeleine Mulnati, administrator and fixed the bond at \$500. The appraisers are Columbus Zerbernia, Columbus Zerbernia, Jr., and Edward Watkins.

The first and final accounts of John W. Berry, administrator of the estate of John W. Berry, Maria Saunders, administratrix of the estate of Everett D. Saunders, and of Walter Snowden Smith and executor of the estate of Smith were examined, allowed and approved for record. The assessors of the town of Westery have completed their work for 1913 and the tax book is now in the hands of the collector. These figures show the summary and are of interest to every taxpayer in the town. The total valuation of buildings and improvements, \$4,715,996; valuation of personal estate, \$1,069,904; valuation of intangible personal estate, \$1,571,809; total valuation, \$7,357,709; net taxable valuation of intangible personal estate, \$1,571,809; tax on real estate, \$107,744.50; tax on tangible estate, \$3,860.00; tax on intangible estate, \$6,311.20; tax to be collected, \$117,915.70.

James G. Batterson, president of the New England Golf Association and formerly a resident of Westery, is chairman of the golf committee of the New York Amateur club and favors the recognition of the golfers in the association, although there is strong opposition. Mr. Batterson is a familiar figure on the metropolitan links and among his cherished possessions is a trophy received in 1905 for defeating Walter J. Travis in a 36 hole medal contest in the South Florida championship at Palm Beach. In the same year Mr. Batterson was the medal winner at the annual fall meeting of the Country club of Atlantic City.

Local Laconics. Martin H. Spellman assisted on the staff of State Deputy W. L. Malm at the initiation of the officers of Woonsocket lodge of Elks Tuesday evening.

Local contractors have received notice that beginning April 1 shovels and like laborers will demand an increase in pay of from \$1.65 to \$2 a day, and stone masons will demand an increase of 50 cents a day.

Rev. William F. Williams officiated at the funeral of Robert Ghent from his residence in Main street. Burial was at River Bend, the bearers being Samuel Carman, George Bellamy, William Greene, Edward Eldred. By a recent vote of the town council the highway committee has no authority to expend any sum in excess of \$200 without the direct approval of the council. This vote has been ignored, hence the personalities at Monday's meeting.

Mrs. Florence V. Van Hise, wife of Edward P. Van Hise, of Washington, D. C., died Tuesday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Simmons, in Pleasant street, Westery, in her 33d year. She was educated in the Westery schools.

The story goes that had special club license been issued to the Watch Hill Social club, like application would have been received from the other hotels at the mill. Both hotels now take out the regulation \$700 licenses, although there's nothing doing at the hotels only in the summer season.

MYSTIC

Fellowship Meeting Postponed to Thursday—Recent Deaths and Funerals—Literary Meeting Tuesday Evening.

The fellowship meeting which was to be held with the Congregational church in North Stonington today (Wednesday) has been postponed until Thursday owing to the death of Mrs. James Brown, who was a member of that church, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Rindoss, on East Main street, Mystic.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. J. M. Chesbro. Mrs. Jennie M. Chesbro, 51, died at her home in the west part of the town Sunday after an illness of two years. She was born in Leyard May 3, 1862, the daughter of Courtland and Mary Lester Lamb. She leaves her husband and ten children, Daniel L. Chesbro of Westery, Mrs. Fred Carlson of New York, Mrs. C. E. Willis of Mystic, Mrs. James Lawrence and Mrs. Charles Strong of Wester Groton, Mrs. George A. Hunt of Leyard and Misses Bertha, Elsie, Angie and Louise Chesbro, who reside at home.

FUNERALS.

Mrs. John F. Murphy. The funeral of Mrs. John F. Murphy, who died Sunday, will be held at 2 o'clock Monday at her home, 104 Franklin street.

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who died suddenly at her home on the Noank road Saturday evening, was held from her home Tuesday afternoon and was largely attended. Rev. Mr. Allen conducted the services. She was born in South Scituate, the daughter of Warren and Almira Chosbore Dennison. She leaves two sons, Warren Murphy and W. P. Murphy. Burial was in the Noank cemetery.

Mrs. Elizabeth T. Davis. The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth T. Davis was held from her home on the Old Mystic road Monday afternoon. Rev. Henry E. Anderson, pastor of the Old Mystic Baptist church, conducted the services. Mrs. Davis was born in Mansfield June 19, 1846, the daughter of Clarence and Charlotte Butler Topfitt, and was 67 years old. Besides her husband, one son, Clarence Davis, survives her.

Literary Meeting. There was a large attendance at the literary meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pritchard Tuesday evening. Rev. A. F. Barnshaw addressed the meeting.

Brief Local Notes. Randall Browne has returned from a visit in New York.

Alexander Jordan of Norwich was in town Tuesday.

Isaac Cushing has returned from a visit in New York.

S. S. Brown MacKenzie has returned from Meriden.

Samuel Stewart, Jr., Russell Sparks and Miss Gladys MacDonnell have returned to Cushing academy after two weeks' vacation spent with relatives in town.

Miss Dorothy Purdy has returned to East Greenwich academy after the vacation spent with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Purdy.

Marshall Purdy of Providence is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Purdy.

WILLIMANTIC
WOULD BROADEN SCOPE OF BUSINESS MEN

Frank H. Johnston Speaks Before Board of Trade and Business Men's Association.

The regular monthly meeting of the Willimantic Board of Trade and Business Men's association was held Tuesday evening in their main street rooms and was called to order at 8:30 p. m. by President William A. Arnold, who had about fifty in attendance.

At the business meeting a committee was appointed to present resolutions to a later meeting to be forwarded to the proper state authorities looking toward better roads from Windham to the neighboring cities. The following were named as members: Mayor D. E. Dunn, George E. Taylor and F. D. Jordan.

Four applications for membership in the organization were favorably acted upon.

Treasurer A. C. Scripture reported the balance on hand at the present time as \$568.31.

Address by Mr. Johnston. President Arnold then in a few well chosen words introduced the speaker of the evening, Frank H. Johnston of New Britain, president of the State Business Men's association.

Mr. Johnston referred to his pleasure in speaking to a Willimantic audience, renewing as it did his recollections of the great public speech he made which was at the old Hooker house in 1890.

His talk was a plea for earnest cooperation, and for a broadening of the functions of the Business Men's associations, with special emphasis on the civic and political side. The whole field of government, charities, parties, playgrounds, police, fire protection, etc., should be covered by one state organization of business men.

The example of Willimantic was cited by the speaker as being the best of the kind in the state and the town itself about by interesting itself in local governmental problems. One thing will bring about more new factories and business than any other.

Value of Concentrated Effort. The creation of the Public Utilities commission was the first concrete example of the value of concentrated effort by the state associations said Mr. Johnston and it took four years of hard work.

Willimantic has 5 per cent. of the membership of the state association and should give it 5 per cent. of its impetus and shoulder 5 per cent. of the work, the speaker declared, concentrating the local organization on having the largest membership in percentage to the population of any in the state.

Mr. Johnston at the conclusion of his talk answered questions as to the legislative activities of the association in the recent past.

A rising vote of thanks was given the speaker at the conclusion of his remarks.

Principal Burr of the Normal school brought the matter of the egg caterpillar destruction to the attention of the meeting and suggested the advisability of offering a small prize. On motion of Mr. Burr a check of \$10 was voted for that purpose.

The meeting then adjourned.

Woman's Club Discusses Poetry.

A regular meeting of the Willimantic Woman's club was held in their main street rooms Tuesday afternoon at 8:45.

The general subject was Poetry, and the afternoon was in charge of Mrs. F. E. Staebner.

Bernice, by Godard, was rendered as a piano solo by Miss Grace Wyman, who responded to an encore.

After a short talk by Mrs. Staebner, each member presented her favorite poem. Selections were given from the Brownings, Shelley, Keats, Markham, Longfellow, Lowell, Watters and others. Mrs. Browning was the favorite, with three or four members.

The afternoon was most enjoyably and profitably spent by all present.

Tigers Defeat Athletics.

The game between the Tigers and the Athletics Tuesday night in the Willimantic football league was won by the Tigers, 2 points to 1, and was undecided until the last box. Simmons and Mullen were tied with 124 for high single and Simmons had high total, 238. The score:

	Athletics.	Tigers.
Mullen	84	103
C. Snow	82	114
Reynolds	109	99
Cunningham	84	115
Simmons	124	101
Total	485	513

BALTIM.

St. Jean Society's Officers Forbid Tan-go or Animal Dances New Hall—Runaway Causes Eilement.

A runaway occurred Tuesday afternoon about 3 o'clock on the highway near Matthew Delaney, driver of a heavy one horse trucking team used by the Albion mills. Hattie, a trucker, between this town and Hanover, was trying a new bit on the horse, in front of the road and the horse's store. Some one came out of one of the store doors and the noise of the door closing frightened the horse, which started to run. Mr. Delaney tried to hold the horse back, but as the horse had been taken off to allow the bit to be tried, he was unable to secure a good grip and the horse started up the street at full speed. The animal dashed along.

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Personal Mention.
Fred Maasy was a recent visitor in Plainfield.
Fred Girard was visiting relatives in Webster, Mass., Tuesday.
Albert Turcotte was the guest of friends in Moosup Tuesday.
Mrs. Leon Pelouquin is spending several days with friends in Willimantic.
Melville P. Cote, who has been the guest of his mother the past week, has returned to New York.

INDEPEND DANCES
Will Not Be Permitted in St. Jean Society's New Hall.
At the recent regular monthly meeting of St. Jean Baptiste society, the installation took place, the officers installed being: Honorary president, Arthur P. Cote; vice president, Alphonse Fournier; financial secretary, Henri N. Donville; recording secretary, Ovide Bourque; treasurer, Mose Genard; marshals, Joseph Laporte and Joseph Dubois; clerk, visiting committee, Noel Caron, Arthur Legros, Emanuel Lemoine, Louis St. Onge, Alfred Girard; auditors, Fulgence Garneau, Napoleon Lessard and Donat Biais.

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